Loan to Handloom Industry from the Technology Upgradation Fund

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made to provide loan from the Technology Upgradation Fund to handloom industry;

(b) if so, whether any percentage has also been fixed in this regard;

(c) the percentage of loan that has been decided to be given to various sectors of textile industry from the said fund; and

(d) what criterion was adopted for taking the above decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for Textile and Jute Industries which is in operation since 1-4-1999 for a period of 5 years. The spinning of yarn and processing of fibre/yarn/fabrics/garments of all sector including handloom sector are eligible for funding under the Scheme. No specific amount or percentage of amount has been earmarked for any segment/sector of the textile industry under TUFS. It is an open-ended scheme depending on the capacity of each eligible segment/sector to absorb funds in bankable and techno-economically feasible proposals.

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